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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : EDWARDS et al. Confirmation No: 3037  
Appl. No. : 09/508,512  
Filed : March 24, 2000  
Title : SELECTIVE MONITORING OF TRITIUM-CONTAINING  
SPECIES IN A GAS

TC/A.U. : 1743  
Examiner : L. Cross

Docket No.: : EDWA3001/REF  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for THREE (3) months to April 19, 2005.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) for a three month extension of time is \$1,020.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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